

**REMARKS**

**Foreign Priority:**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging Applicant's claim to foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d), and for confirming that the certified copy of the priority document has been received.

**Drawings:**

Applicant also thanks the Examiner for indicating that the drawings filed on March 19, 2001 have been accepted.

**Allowable Subject Matter:**

Applicant sincerely thanks the Examiner for indicating that claim 17 is allowed, and that even though the remaining claims (claims 1-7, 9, 10, 12, 13 and 15-17) have been objected to, these claims would also be allowed if written to overcome the Examiner's objections.

**Claim Objections:**

Claims 1-7, 19, 10, 12, 13, 15 and 16 have been objected to for a number of informalities. To address the Examiner's concerns, Applicant has amended the claims as shown in the previous section. Applicant submits that these amendments have been made to clarify the claimed invention, and that these amendments have not been made to narrow the original scope or spirit of the claims in any way. In view of these amendments, Applicant submits that the claims are not clear and hereby requests the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the above objection.

Additionally, with regard to claims 12 and 13, and the Examiner's concern and comments regarding the "information" from the measuring means, Applicant submits that amendment is not

necessary. Specifically, Applicant submits that the claim language is clear and that it is not necessary to specify exactly which "information" is used by the forecasting means, as it may use either of the measured temperature or temperature distribution, or both, or equivalents thereof, or any other kind of "information" to forecast the tire wear. Because of this, Applicant submits that these claims are clear and do not require amendment.

**Conclusion:**

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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